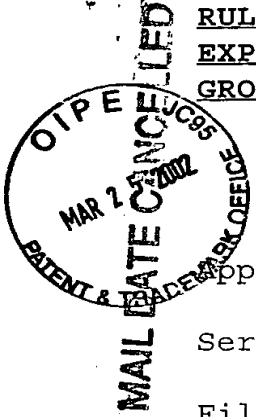


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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO
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This amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated September 11, 2001, a response to which was originally due December 11, 2001. Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (a) (3) for a three month extension of time. The requisite fee of \$460.00 for a small entity is enclosed. As a result the deadline for responding to the final Office Action is March 11, 2002. A Notice of Appeal from the final rejection of

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